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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

NOTIFICATION

MERCHANT SHIPPING

New Delhi, the 29th October, 1951

**S.R.O. 1670.**—In exercise of the power conferred by section 5 of the Marking of Heavy Packages Act, 1951 (XXXIX of 1951), the Central Government hereby makes the following Rules, namely:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) These Rules may be called the Marking of Heavy Packages Rules, 1951.

(2) They shall come into force on the 1st day of November, 1951.

2. **Manner of Marking of Heavy Packages.**—(1) The gross weight on a heavy package shall be marked thereon in the English and the regional language with a kind of paint which is not easily effaceable.

(2) Where a heavy package is of a light colour, black paint shall be used and where the package is of a dark colour, white or yellow paint shall be used.

3. **Gross weight to be marked in metric tons, kilogrammes, maunds or pounds.**—Subject to the provisions of Rule 7, the gross weight of a heavy package shall be marked thereon in metric tons, kilogrammes, standard pounds or standard maunds.

4. **Place of marking.**—The gross weight shall be marked on two sides of a heavy package so that in whatever position the package is placed, the marking is easily visible.

5. **Size of letters or figures.**—Every letter or figures used to mark the gross weight of a heavy package shall be at least three inches in length and one quarter of an inch in breadth.

6. **Manner of packing.**—(1) The goods in a heavy package shall be securely packed in a strong covering in such manner that there is no movement of the goods inside the package or any danger of the disintegration of the goods or the covering.

(2) The covering shall be of such material and nature as can stand the strain of the package being handled during the course of loading or unloading so that the risk of any injury to persons who handle the package is minimised.

7. **Marking of approximate weight in certain circumstances.**—Where at the place from where a heavy package is consigned there are no means available for determining the correct weight of the package, the anticipated minimum and maximum weight of the package in metric tons, kilogrammes, standard pounds or standard maunds shall be marked thereon in the manner herein before specified:

Provided that such anticipated maximum weight shall be so assessed that it does not fall below the actual weight of the package.

*Illustration.*—Where the anticipated minimum weight of a package is one ton and the anticipated maximum weight two tons, the package shall be marked thus:

"Between one and two metric tons."

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